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Isaiah 32:20.

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HERE AM I

My will would like a life of work,
And power to do, and time to rest,
And health, and strength my will would please,
But, Lord, I know Thy will is best.

If I have strength to do Thy will
That should be power enough for me,
Whether to work or to sit still
The appointment of the day may be.

And if by sickness I may grow
More patient, holy and resigned,
Strong health I need not wish to know,
And greater ease I cannot find.

And rest—I need not seek it here;
For perfect rest remaineth still;
When in Thy presence we appear
Rest shall be given by Thy will.

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HUMAN NATURE AND DIVINE

In his regular broadcast period recently, one of our most listened-to news disseminators had considerable to say about ways and means and plans for control of a warless, unselfish and dictatorless world to come into existence immediately after the end of World War No. 2. The impression seemed to be that "We" — meaning, of course, the Allies, if not the United States exclusively,—were to take control of all the countries of the world and so conduct their affairs that every nation, every tribe, every sect and every individual would be righteously dealt with from the start, and all alike should have plenty to eat and to wear, a safe shelter and work to do, with all products evenly and endlessly distributed throughout the world.

It seems that in the discussion which this broadcaster was quoting from they had reached the imaginary status of abolishing the evils which are supposed to have brought "health, wealth and happiness" to some at the expense of suffering, starvation and untimely death to others. The reason for the planned **even distribution** of cultivated and manufactured products throughout the world was that **all** might in the future share alike in the good things which could formerly go only to those who "had the price."

To believe all the lovely things reported from that meeting, to expect them to come to pass, to accept partnership in the "organization" and be confident of receiving our share of the benefits from such a universal deliverance, would it not first of all be necessary to become acquainted with the man or group of men whose labors would bring about and maintain such a glorious state of affairs in all the world? Going still further, every individual then on the earth must be imbued with perfect faith in this controlling power, which was to still be human and not divine. Every individual must lend absolute allegiance—immediate, complete and endless —to the power which is to "equalize" the peoples of the world. That is the word,—"equalize!"

Otherwise, force would be necessary,—armed might such as we have recently become acquainted with. The broadcaster was evidently listening

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SIXTEEN YEARS RETURN TO EUROPE THIS MISSIONARY HAS QUESTIONS TO ASK AND COMMENTS TO MAKE

St. Paul, Minn. July 30, 1942.

What is the spiritual outlook for Europe—Czechoslovakia?

So much is being said about the reconstruction of post-war Europe that it is but proper to ask what prospects there will be for a spiritual reconstruction. What will be the outlook for the prosecution of the mission work and the Gospel proclamation?

We may draw an analogy from how the world looks at the past, as well as the new plans for the political reestablishment. Thus we hear a cry about the political mistakes of the past, about the wrong conception of European conditions, as well as the people's minds.

This applies in great measure to the mission work in Europe also. There have been well-meant, but misguided efforts to force a new type of religion on the people, just because some were enthusiastic about their particular style. Why not realize that strange arrangements are not always best for the promotion of the real Gospel? Europeans who come to this country by necessity adapt themselves to new circumstances, or gradually become amalgamated. But in their own country they resist any new manners being superimposed upon them, not seeing the need of it.

Of course, there always will be found those to whom a curious novelty appeals, or for self-exaltation they will grasp at something striking their fancy, as a means to make them stand out above their fellows. This fact is also the basis on which the false cults operate, catering to the desires of the people, and will have to be counted on, on an increasing scale. The unconverted heart likes to have something to cling to, something to see or grasp at, any subterfuge to the self-denial demanded by the plain, but glorious Gospel of real salvation.

One fact will have to be counted with, very seriously. For those living in the United States it will be easy to forget all the nice speeches and promises that have been made—but those who have lived and suffered these years because of neglect, as they will claim, will not be able to shake off a certain amount of resentment. It will be but natural to ask—why did you permit us to be sold out at Munich? Why did you not come sooner to our rescue? Can you blame them for suspecting a large amount of selfishness behind our seeming indifference to suffering and oppression? Will it not produce a certain antipathy to those who will be posing as the great benefactors of poor Europe?

They will not forget that so-called godless Russia, at least in their estimation, has done more for their political salvation than so-called Christian America. The spirit we met with so strongly just before we left —that if there was a God, he could not permit such happenings—that spirit will be nourished by the outcome as they see it. No use to hide behind our intentions—they saw and see bitter facts.

So much more there will be the need of a plain, but definite Gospel message. Not because the people will want it—they don't know it—but because they will need it. I mean real Gospel proclamation, not merely

propaganda to make it appear as if great need has been filled, just to satisfy somebody's plans or dreams. The opportunity will be as great as the Lord's command; the results as precious as the value of one soul. Not claims to make a big show, but workers with a vision of the Eternity before them and the benighted people. As we have carried on in the past, so will we, by HIS help, go on in the future, as soon as He opens the way. We have cast our bread upon the waters, and trust to see it again after many days, and hear the Lord's "well done" as a recompense.

From what we have observed while still in Czechoslovakia, after the beginning of the war, for almost six months the people were stunned by the developments and the turn of events. According to the different mentality, there was despair, resentment, or just a mad throwing of one's self into a vortex of pleasures, as the world did offer, to stupefy the senses to the bitter reality. The Nazis were quite willing to let the people have some sort of diversion, that would draw their attention away from the sad facts.

What could be expected from those who know not the Gospel light? I am thankful for the nation-wide ministry of tracts, which we were able to carry on, in two languages, and many a time we still pray that the Lord may stir yet some soul by the messages that may have lain put away all this time. We have had evidences, just before we left and even afterward, how those tracts have come in use, in unexpected quarters, and been sought after, even by some preachers. It was marvelous how the Lord enabled us to put out, for the last publication permitted, the booklet by Ruth Paxson, "The Spirit-Filled Life." It was a direct overruling of all the obstacles and rulings, that that booklet could be put out, before the lid was clamped down tight on all publications of the kind. We could not see the outcome, nor had we any idea how far the print candle might throw its light, when we began, by faith, to print those tracts. How did it grow, despite of little help, and despite the difficulties put in the way, till it spread over the whole republic and many lands abroad. I am thankful the Lord led us to real work, not mere propaganda.

Two weeks ago we rejoiced to receive a card from our Tabitha, though several months old, because it had travelled by a roundabout way, yet we do rejoice even in that sign of life. We also rejoice, from the few remarks made there, to learn that her spiritual growth is progressing. What an example of what could be accomplished, given the opportunity and the means! Surely, the Lord has souls even in that land, and it is up to those who will hear, to go and bring them in. We are thankful that even Sister Hollas, who is taking care of Tabitha for us, is still well. We know only too well how she was raised up from the brink of the grave several times. Thus it is so much more remarkable that the Lord keeps her still in the work He has trained her for. How precious to be just in the will of the Lord. And that can be true of all and every one. If some one has the burden of prayer laid upon him, or her, he can reach over the oceans and the bands of the enemy and succor them that are standing faithfully where the Lord has placed them. I suppose I need not emphasize the details of the various needs, even for daily bread, under the circumstances.

That card did not say much, but knowing the circumstances, and from former correspondence, we see that the situation is not improving. What

can we expect of souls that grope in darkness? How it does emphasize the cry of the Apostle: "Without hope and without God in the world." There is no place for smug and indifferent complacency—saying "It is too far away, it cannot touch us." Shall we practice Cain's religion—"Am I my brother's keeper?" As the preciousness of the free salvation grows upon me, the more I am thankful that the Lord moved somebody to make it possible for me to hear the Gospel message; the more I think it a great privilege to carry that message to others, even to Czechoslovakia, if and as soon as the Lord again permits. CHARLES LUKESH.

MONTHLY OR BI-MONTHLY?

Word comes from our readers now and then, expressing regret that the magazine has been made a bi-monthly. There were several reasons why it was deemed necessary for the change, among them the reduced number of subscribers since the war's beginning. It is noticeable that the territory which the **American-European Fellowship** has served for more than twenty-four years and that of the **Russia Evangelization Society** and the **Christian Testimony to the Jews** (which the **A. E. F.** succeeded) is the same as the great battle ground of World War No. 2, which may be the same as that described in the Word of God for some of the events of the Day of Jehovah (see Dr. Scofield's note on Rev. 19:19). Until that day comes there will never cease to be a great Mission field throughout Europe and Palestine for the workers under the **American-European Fellowship.** We stress this opportunity, the need for workers and the continual openings for the spread of the Gospel to many peoples at present very poor in body and in spirit. We on our part will be glad to return the official news publication of the **Fellowship** to its monthly standing as soon as we have both physical and financial reason for so doing. If the Lord tarries, our relief ministry may again equal the bounds following World War No. 1. The spiritual appeal never ceases, so your continual prayers are craved day after day.

THIS MUST INTEREST THE BIBLE STUDENT

"The destiny of 150,000 Jews living in Egypt depends on the outcome of the battle of Egypt. Thousands of Jews from Palestine are fighting alongside the British in the Middle East for the preservation of those ideals we all believe," Dr. Louis Sibutnick told the Farband National Jewish Alliance at a meeting in Yonkers, N. Y., on July 15th. Pray continually and aid financially as you are able our Medical and Evangelistic Mission at Jaffa, Palestine. Its doors are open continuously and its spiritual message is doctrinally sound and given in love to all in need. There will be greater and greater need for its ministry in the days to come. "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days."—Eccles. 11:1.

TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED

The highly emotional reader of the daily news could find enough in the papers and radio these days to parallel the promised "Tribulation," etc., of the Word of God. This little magazine quotes much, but takes nothing for granted. Read Matt. 24:6—30. Pray for the Editor.

"GREASY"

Thrilling True Story Of The Salvation Of A Whole Band Of Robbers By Reading A New Testament

Translated from the Russian by Charles Lukesh

Rev. Charles Lukesh was a Missionary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Chile, South America, before his transfer to his native country, Czechoslovakia, in connection with the **American-European Fellowship.** His wide experience there stopped in the sixteenth year with the occupation by the Nazi forces, which he experienced almost six months. This practical contact in Europe vouches for the story which he has translated, and which we now offer to our readers as described below, the net proceeds going entirely to Rev. Charles Lukesh for Mission work, who copyrighted and printed it solely for this purpose. We print the "Introduction" by the original author, and also a "Foreword" by Mr. Lukesh:

"The Fascinating Story of the Power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.—In the pages following, you will find one of the most gripping true stories of the power of the Gospel. It is a story of Russian immigrants on the way to Siberia with their family. The parents succumb to cholera, leaving the two children, Shura and Pasha, to fend for themselves. The boy is picked up by robbers, joins the band, and helps kill two Christian travellers and gets a New Testament in the loot. What happens after that only the angels will be able to fully reveal. However, enough is known from the robbers' testimony to stir the coldest heart. Nothing like it has ever come to the desk of the publishers. Every Christian ought to read it for inspiration; all unsaved persons who doubt the power of the Gospel will be stirred to the depths."—Cyrus Osterhus.

"This story of the former penitentiary inmate was translated from the German, which was translated from the Russian. The original translators stressed their endeavor to maintain the simplicity of the author; similarly we pass it on in the English translation in the hope that it may be a blessing to many who read it. The story proves the words of Romans 11:33, 36 b: "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! To Whom be glory forever. Amen."—Charles Lukesh.

We urge our readers and friends of the **American-European Fellowship** (with which Brother Lukesh has been affiliated for so many years) to send the small fee (20c) for a copy, and may we suggest that this story has the power of presenting the Gospel in a wonderful manner. Thirty-two pages and cover, attractively titled, and **well** worth the small fee — and postage if you will.

Having been born in Czechoslovakia, and later having served sixteen years there, and endured six months under the German forces there before he was able to return to America, it is a voice of real authority which pictures conditions in **"Europa from a Religious Standpoint"** in this issue of **"The Harvest Field."** Charles Lukesh himself expresses this opinion, and you will find it well worth reading. We will be very grateful for your appreciation in the form of some aid to Brother and Sister Lukesh as they continue to serve the Lord in their present field in the Mid-West among the peoples with whom they are so familiar.

GOD BLESS THIS FAMILY!

The Stettlers Are Still in Switzerland. Pray They May Stay There!

Switzerland, May 13, 1942.
(Received August 12, 1942.)

Very Dear Miss Mitchell:—

My heart has been very heavy for some time because I owe you a letter, but this is the first time I have had to write. If you could only look in here and see the amount of work to be done! I start every morning at six o'clock, and often I do not get home until eleven o'clock at night.

As to the spiritual work. I hold seven meetings each week, and occasionally eight or nine. I have to travel quite a distance to attend these meetings, and outside of one evening a week at home, they are held anywhere from three to sixty miles away. Recently we had the Annual Bible Course for young people who had just finished school. This year we had ten boys and four girls. They seemed to be a wild crowd, but within a few days some came to my room to dedicate their lives to Christ. Others followed during the second week, and at the end of the course some of the "live wires" humbly bowed their knees,—not only saved themselves, but praying for others who still withheld. One family told me later that their John returned an altogether new man. During this course I taught five or six hours daily for the two weeks, Bible and Doctrine, and in the evenings we had public meetings.

In addition to these efforts for the Lord, it was my privilege to evangelize in the Oberlands during four weeks, with the gatherings well attended. At this present time the meetings were all held with great attention, and I was able to bring many Biblical thoughts out with a special force which never fails to make a deep impression. The folks are very cautious and reserved, but they are not sensational and easy-moving; nevertheless the Word often goes far deeper than superficial acceptance.

Now a word about financial matters. The American Express Company has notified me from time to time in regard to the allowances you have sent. Only a fixed sum is allowed to be paid out monthly, but we have the definite record of all that is waiting in their hands. Due to the war conditions I must often wait some months until the money is actually received, but the Lord is caring for us all and we will receive it in due time. I have strictly carried out to the letter your cable instructions regarding Mrs. Manetz, Mrs. Nikoff, Miss Steyrer and all the other Christian workers for whom you have sent funds, and have the receipts in my files. We will do well to continue in the way we have been doing with the funds you are able to send in the future.

Other Christian agencies have sent their funds to me for distribution, even in some of the countries at war. This has complicated matters, and is why so much money is being held back by the American Express Company. According to the telegram I sent you, I state again that I cannot receive, for the present, more than the restricted $200.00 monthly. With some of these other outside agencies trying to use our successful channels, and with the good help flowing through the *American-European Fellowship*, it is not surprising. Just like every one else, I was asked to give complete detailed information in a financial way both to the authorities here and to the American Express Company.

"Fay Crocker" sent me $200.00.* I do not know her, and do not know for what purpose she has sent the money. *Can you locate her?* Please let me know if you can make out what it is for, so that when it is actually paid out I will know "what is what." You see, every time I receive such an amount through the American Express Company, either with or without instructions, our regular amount for the *Fellowship* Christian workers is disrupted, and my personal necessary income is also suspended until the details are straightened out once more.

Thank you for all your troubles and care, and thanks to you and all our friends for the gifts and prayers and the good fellowship. We are all fairly well at home. Greetings to Brother Smith and Brother Faulkner and Miss Selody. Love to all. Yours

FRED STETTLER.

PRAYER IS MOST NEEDED

*It is unnecessary for us to assure any one that we are more than willing to receive funds for or through Brother Stettler or any other Missionary on the various fields, or through our office in New York City, and we will be delighted to pay out to any worker on any field all Missionary or relief funds, under all ordinary and some special circumstances. But see what has happened in this awful war period. They have Brother Stettler's capacity of distribution limited to $200.00 monthly for the immediate future. We have religiously kept that sum flowing to him periodically, beside a reserve surplus within emergency reach which now totals nearly $1000, and which is in the transmission treasury, ready for instant use as already instructed. When that "Fay Crocker" $200.00 arrived, the American Express Company handed it over to Brother Stettler. As it came out of time and out of schedule, Brother Stettler awaited instructions. Meanwhile the Company said, "There is your $200.00 for the month," with the net result that none of it goes to the Missionaries nor Brother Stettler personally with the "restrictions" which war has placed on cash payments to needy workers in foreign lands.

Well, we believe it is all corrected by this time, but we ask that all payments go through the one channel (156 Fifth Avenue, New York City) in the future, and thus avoid complications. In the Name of the Great Steward, Jesus Christ.

NORMAN J. SMITH.

EVERY DOLLAR PASSES THIS WAY

Dear Friends:—

I was very happy indeed to receive Brother Stettler's letter,—although it did consume three months in transit! There is a point in the letter, however, which I am sorry for. You will notice that Brother Stettler says that the funds he has received from other Christian agencies "complicate matters." This one named went to him unknown to me, and is in addition to what I have sent each month, to guard against the time when we may be cut off in our payments, and also to help *our other* workers when possible. I am sorry to have to ask you not to send Brother Stettler any funds directly. Send all gifts through the New York City office and we will forward them as fast as possible. I am sure you will gladly comply when you realize that any irregularity does more harm than good. We are endeavoring to do the best we can for every one concerned. Cable instructions are prohibited now, but we have already given all fixed instructions needed, and I have also written Brother Stettler a letter with further details and encouragement. Please pray with us that no harm will come to him and that he, being in a supposedly neutral country, may continue the good ministry he has been able to render so far. In Jesus' Name.

FLORENCE J. MITCHELL.

"Christ Will Come Again"

Write to S. B. F., 410 Jones Street, Lebanon, Pa., for copies of this little leaflet for distribution among your friends and "enemies," and also to strangers as you pass them on the highways. "Surely I come quickly."—Rev. 22:20.

Jaffa, Palestine, August 4.

Dear Brother Smith:—

Many times it is hard to concentrate one's self in the midst of the speedy work for some words of a descriptive letter about the work itself. When you begin to write a report you ask yourself about what you are going to write first? What is the most important thing to be described? Yes, after all, everything in the course of the work is important and interesting. But it is evident that everything and all cannot be described. Why? Well, you would have to write a letter of about sixty or seventy pages,—an impossible thing. And so,—what to write about first? First,—about Him, for it is His own work and He himself is doing His work. "The King's business," as one 81-year-old brother said. We speak often about what *we* are doing, forgetting to say what *He* is doing. Many times when I watch in the large waiting room and other rooms of the Clinic the real throngs of patients, I ask myself, Who sent these "multitudes" to us? We did not send to these numerous peoples any invitation; we did not call them. They live in many cases in far and remote places. Who gathered them here in the Clinic, where they are obliged (or as one Christian Arab said, "forced") to listen to His Word? What to them means God's Word? Nothing! They don't believe in their own word; they don't trust in the word of each other! Still less should they believe the Word of an unknown God! They would never come to us; then who gathered them in the Clinic, where *the Word* is read? Only He, the King of Kings,—about Whom let us speak first! He is the first, "Alpha and Omega" of the universe. He is also the First of our work,—*His* work.

In May the Clinic accepted 2432 patients; in June, 2101; in July, 2669 patients,—"Master, who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." But the majority of Christ's patients at that time, as well as now, "did sin." That born-blind patient was an exception.

And, sin or no sin, we every morning before the Clinic opens pray earnestly that the works of God should be made manifest in Him and through Him. One young, nice Jewish boy of 17½ years old came to the Clinic inflicted with a very shameful disease. As Russians say, we "spoke to his heart." He was confused and grieved. "My parents," he confessed, "think until now that I am a good boy; they don't know . . . " But He Who Knows

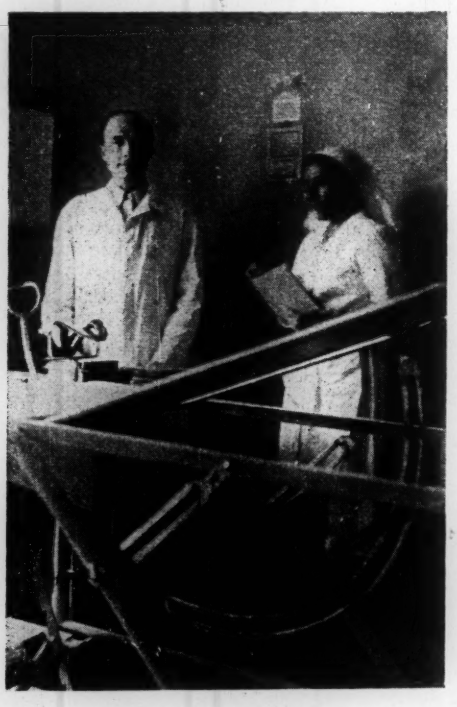
Clinic Building

everything sent him to our Clinic. The boy was treated and healed! Really, praise the Lord! We repeatedly told the boy in the sense of the words, "Go and sin no more." Will he follow this advice? Who knows? We cannot trace all the numerous patients, for after appearing

for a short time in the Clinic, they disappear, sometimes forever. But He is able. He sees and looks after them and traces them on their life paths, and surely one day or another He will again remind them of their contact (perhaps very slight and short) with Him in the Clinic. And so He, and only He. To Him all the glory!

There is a lady from Simpheropol (capital of Crimea); she has been in Palestine about twenty years. She has fine, sympathetic sons. The father died when the children were little ones. She educated them, and now they are really good children, the pride of their mother. The elder son is a clerk in a bank; the other served in a hospital. But the elder son is now sick with epilepsy; the other is "missing," may be killed, may be a prisoner.

The lady came several times to the Clinic. She has a very severe heart failure, once being almost dying. She



Dr. Juk and Nurse

attended our prayer meeting. Recently she met me in the street, telling me that her son is missing, but she prays and "reads the prophets." Short words, but joined with deep grief and hope and the beginning of faith. Who worked in the heart of this lady? He, Who is seeking to save her soul, sent her all her "circumstances." He, only He.

So He works among the hundreds (I should say, thousands) who come to the Clinic. When the patient is released from the Clinic, He traces him in his life (already out of the Clinic) and speaks to him through "circumstances," trying to persuade him to come into the Kingdom, for "the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." And some of the "hundreds" (perhaps many; we do not know how many) begin "to read the prophets." And it is a good beginning for a Jewish soul to read the prophets!

Some time ago our patient, a Jew from Turkestan (Russian Asia), who was several times treated at our Clinic, said to the nurse: "*Really* (and it was a very earnest 'really') *from that time that the Jews rejected Christ our people are suffering.*" Who gave him this thought? He Who watched his thoughts. For us it is not a new thing to know the sin of Israel and the consequences of this sin. But for the mentioned patient it was like a revelation which he got direct from above, from Him! He persuaded him, and let us hope He will persuade him still more and more, for it is not sufficient to know only that "our people are suffering because of rejecting Christ." Let us hope and pray, for "He is working." Yours in His Name.

J. JUK.

LONG IN THE HOLY LAND

Palestine, July 28, 1942
(Received August 20, 1942).

Dear Sister Florence:

Thank you for your air mail letter of June 16 which arrived today. I have been waiting patiently for a letter from you. Some of my mail has shown evidences of passing through fire and water to get here. I have wanted to let you know that my cabled allowance for May and June reached me on May 22, for which I thank you. *The European Harvest Field* for March and May arrived at the same time. I received your message to me from their pages. I trust Mr. Smith is well at present. He has been ill a great deal the last year or so.

Thank you for assuring me of the faithfulness of my friends in America. I am grateful for each one. Those friends write telling of the spiritual blessings received from our little magazine, and also of their disappointment in getting the magazine only six times a year. We are always grateful for all the help which you give us for the Clinic. It is a good work, and many people are aided who would not have help otherwise.

I am keeping busy. I teach an English lesson in exchange for Hebrew and I

also attend the school. I have many guests with whom we discuss the Word. Before vacation I had a group of Jews every Friday just for discussion. Then I have been offered a class of adult Arabs in a small village once a week. I also help to entertain soldiers and whatever else my hands find to do. I am very busy and happy in His Service.

I have one refugee family on my list. One Sunday as I came home from Church I went in to invite them to come home to dinner. The father said; "I knew God wouldn't forsake us." They had no food in their house nor the money to buy it. One has great good times in distributing tracts, especially to the Jews. They are speaking much about the Word. One saint believes that this is our seed-sowing time, and that because of our teaching now many will believe when they see Jesus in the clouds.

I have many true friends here. Really, I wonder how it can be so that one person can have so many friends. The brethren and sisters are being very kind and considerate and assure me of their Christian love. The Lord does not make any mistakes and I know that He knows what is best for me. I am very happy right here in Tel-Aviv and Jaffa. If I were six more people I could yet find enough to do. Lovingly in Him,

JANE HALEY.

PRAYER AND LABOR IN FRANCE

Not Our Largest Missionary Letter, But Sincere And Appealing

France, May 29, 1942
(received August 26, 1942)

Dear Miss Mitchell:

This is the first chance I have had, but I want to write you a word of gratitude for every way in which you have been able to cooperate and communicate with us these past months. It has made

Miss Tordis Christoffersen

me happy to receive the entrusted money, made me humble and prayerful, that it may be used wholly for His Glory.

The needs are terrific, the prices very high, and very few things to be had. In fact, you can replace nothing anymore. To lose a needle, to break a cup means henceforth to do without. It is just a daily fight for the few things allotted on the tickets. Men are losing weight and strength so that lying down several times a day is necessary, and the cry of our hearts is: "O, how long, Lord Jesus!" Although very thin, am keeping quite well, and am indeed happy and contented in the Lord.

In the midst of sorrows and trials so sore among the people to whom I give most of my time, the Lord gives gracious opportunities, which give deep meaning to my being here. You will readily understand that these dear ones, who have lost all, and still are driven from pillar to post, are nervous to such a degree that they cannot sleep, and I can hear them walk the floor in the night watches. Since the money has been given freely and is coming regularly, I have been led to take them out into the country for quiet walks in the woods. Very often afterwards I can talk to them about our Lord and His salvation, and recently we even found something to eat in the villages that we never could in the city.

Am looking forward to some evangelistic work in other places during the hot season, and if the Lord so permits, a quiet resting-time. Will, however, have to return to give my classes every other week, as the most of my friends here are so interested, and cannot think of losing the precious hours with the Word of God.

We are still depending on the fellowship at the Throne of the universe; more and more we need this, and understand that it is the real battleground, and the place of victory as well. Loving greetings to you all. Your Missionary in France, *TORDIS CHRISTOFFERSEN.*

STILL TALKING ABOUT EUROPE

You Can Pray About The People And Conditions Karl Describes

Portland, Ore.

Dear Friends in Christ:—

Just dropping a few lines to thank you all for your prayers. The Lord has been blessing and leading day by day. I'm writing this in the Portland bus depot, rather typical of the past few months, for I've been on the move. I spent about two months in Southern California and the Bay District, having a fine chance to meet old friends and make new ones. It was a great joy to meet several who have been praying for me all through these past years. I just wish I could have met all of you in the same way.

Home From the Field Until it Opens Once More

Since returning, I've been speaking each Sunday in various places. I was privileged to attend our Bible Conference, and what a blessing that was,—just what I needed! The messages seemed like rainfall on thirsty ground; one thing I missed so much in Europe and also here,—that is, to hear others expounding God's Word. It's a privilege to tell of the Word of the Lord to the people of Europe, but one does get tired, and times of refreshing are needed.

I received two letters from loved ones there,—one from Rose and one from Ivan. Rose's letter speaks of anti-Semitism arising even among the churches now,—of the coldness and sleepiness of the church members in some places in the face of these trying times. She wished to visit the people in Slovakia, but the way was blocked because she is a Jewess. She fears her family must take "the long journey,"—that means deportation to Russian land (the Ukraine), where they are killed or starve to death. Her sister, she writes, is growing in grace and witnessing even amidst all these problems. Her cry is for prayer, and then more prayer. Won't you help them over there? It lies in your hands!

The letter was three days in writing because her heart was so heavy! She has good news of Agnes and Brother Pollak, who are growing in grace and being used of the Lord as they stand faithfully for Him in their places. You will not forget them either, will you?

Ivan told of the Seminary continuing in spite of difficulties. The Lord worked for Ivan and healed him of t. b., but he is still weak and susceptible to it. All went fine until he caught cold and lost ten pounds. He says that nutritious food is unobtainable now,—especially for him, a Jew, and he has no money at all. Some of the believers were helping him through. The orphanage is having a very difficult time, but he says that thus far (this was written in April) all the children were still there. Some more for your prayer list!

Then we had our Boys' Camp and I was asked to help. What a trying of one's patience! But it was worth it! During the camp around 25 boys professed Christ. It was so fine to work with those who responded so magnificently to the Gospel.

Also the Lord has given me many opportunities to speak to souls and give out much literature on the buses and trains. I was a whole day recently trying to get 200 miles by bus; connections were very bad. Naturally one gets impatient over such things, but the Lord compensates. One young fellow of 22 professed Christ there on the bus, and we had prayer together. It was worth all the delay, wasn't it?

Now the Lord is leading me to Portland, so far as I can see, to start a work here among the Jews. There are many here, but they are very hard to contact,—the educated, modern type of Jew. Please pray for me as I take up this work. It's hard even to find a room here. So far the only thing open is a room at the Y.M.C.A. with a stranger. Please pray that I may be yielded day by day, and that the Holy Spirit may lead me.

I'm homesick for Europe also! Now that I've been home a little and had a chance to see how worldly many of our

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to a group which had been thinking in terms of an international, all-powerful, timeless government, righteous and selfless, and which had taken for granted the power of this new force to "equalize" all the good things of earth and erase all the evil!

Well, there is nothing new nor impossible in the idea of such a world. In fact, it has already been promised to certain individuals, but not with the human controlling power which this broadcaster and his group took for granted. Such a humanly-controlled scheme entered on the next pages of history would probably be followed by renewed individual, tribal and national selfishness and greed and hatred, with renewed plans and efforts to again enrich those so-minded, with fresh poverty and suffering for others, and, as before—

The godless of Soviet Russia would likely face the believers of Russia, Britain, America and elsewhere; Gandhi would certainly continue to disagree with the British,—with Hitler, and with the Japanese, and—with many more examples of "lack of harmony." Hitler and the Japanese ruler might even agree to disagree before they come to an end of the entire matter. No, no, it could not be made to work permanently and harmoniously as long as the controlling powers were human.

If this coming ruler is to be human, as the present planners assume, will he not be "Even him whose coming is to be after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders"[1]; "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the word"[2]; but "That day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition"[3];—Ah! Satan manifested in the flesh!—and if all this, then "He shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, **and think to change times and laws;** and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. But the judgement shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, **whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,** and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."[4]

We see that all this has been already promised, somewhat on a parallel with the discussion recently reported over the air,—and the world must pass through it, too,—the Great Tribulation of Rev. 7:14 under the reign of "the beast out of the sea" of Rev. 13:1. Read the words of Christ Himself:

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time; no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."[5] But see what is to happen then:—

Here is the promise of His coming, given by Himself: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days . . . shall appear the sign of the Son of

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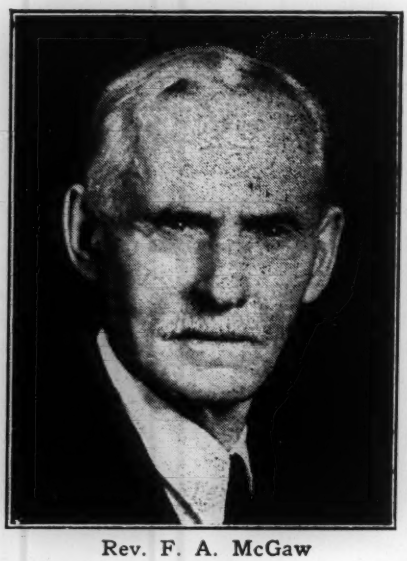

Rev. F. A. McGaw

AFRICA.—*Rev. Frank A. McGaw* labors faithfully in Africa, despite his 85 years of age. His prayer is that a Revival in Africa may come soon. Let us join our prayers with those of our brother. Word has reached us that he is undergoing treatments for his eyes. Please pray with us that his sight may improve.

ALBANIA.—Our Albanian Missionaries—Rev. and Mrs. Phineas B. Kennedy, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Jacques and Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Konrad—are all continuing their work. The Jacques and Konrads have pastorates and are busy. Rev. and Mrs. Kennedy are working among the Albanian people in New York. They all hope to return to Albania in due time if the Lord tarries.

AUSTRIA.—*Miss Emmy Steyrer* continues her work in Austria. We have no recent word directly from her, but a card from her reached Brother Stettler in Switzerland, reporting that she is well, and we believe Brother Stettler is able to give her financial assistance from time to time.

Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."[6] Concerning Him, there is also this promise: The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever."[7]

He and He alone can and will plan and carry on through all eternity not only the wonderful things which the broadcaster was describing, but many more which only the Divine Mind and Heart could conceive of, for the good of those He loves.

Paul to theRomans: "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God . . . Because the creature himself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."[8]

It would be well to take your Bibles and read for yourselves the words of Rev. 20:6 and Isaiah 11:4-11. And if you want the whole story of the **Tribulation,** the **Armageddon,** the **Second Coming** and **Reign of Christ,** and much more which you will enjoy and praise the Lord for, just sent 25c to "Morning Cheer," Inc., 1109 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., for a copy of **Plain Bible Studies** (fifty of them!) prepared by Mr. J. T. Bougher. This is the finest gift a Believer can present to either friend or foe in these times! Ten copies for $2.00.

P.S.—This is not advertising, but a loving suggestion from one friend to another.

1.—2 Thess. 2:9. 2.—Rev. 13:8. 3.—2 Thess. 2:3. 4.—Dan. 7:25-27.
5.—Matt. 24:21,22. 6.—Matt. 24:29, 30. 7.—Rev. 11:15. 8.—Rom. 8:18-22.

MISS MITCHELL HAS A WORD TO SAY

Our Office Partner Has A Friendly Word For The Contributors

Dear Friends:—

"In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

This promise of our Lord is very comforting, especially in these days of trials and tribulations. We are passing through trying days, but we know our Father loves us and will protect us.

First of all, I want to say a word of thanks to our many friends who continue to remember our workers prayerfully and financially. It is a great joy to me when I receive your letters. Please be assured of our appreciation!

I am happy to say that, in spite of the war, our good work continues. Many Missionaries have been forced to return home, and others have moved, but you will find that they are all continuing in their good work.

Funds for the most part can be sent safely and surely to our friends, and I appeal to you, Please do not forsake them in their time of greatest need! For the duration of the war we will not be able to send clothing to Europe, but please do not throw anything away! The need is great now,—even in this country, —and Canada,— and will be even worse after the war. Please, if you have clothing that you would like to "get rid of," send it to me, and I assure you that it will be put to good use, even here and now. May the Lord bless each one of you. *FLORENCE J. MITCHELL*

Russian Choir in South America

Dear Miss Mitchell:—

Your good letter of May 20, 1942, with the enclosed check was received. We thank you all very heartily for your love and care of us. We are always grateful to God for you. May the Lord bless you and continue to use you for His own glory.

We are always very busy and the Lord is blessing us and gives us wonderful opportunities to preach His saving Gospel to these Russian and other Slavonic peoples here in South America.

From time to time we hold union Gospel meetings in different places. The next such meeting will be held at Buenos Aires, and one of the teachers in the Baptist Theological Seminary in that city has been invited to deliver the main message. Our choir, which is well known here and often sings the Gospel Hymns on the radio, will, as usual, take an important part. I am enclosing herewith a picture recently taken of this choir. The choir leader, Brother A. Krawchuk, is in the middle of the second row. Very sincerely yours,

John Kovalchuk.